



Happy New Year, Child and Youth Care Workers!

I hope you've taken time to reflect, set goals, and—most importantly—to pat yourselves on the back for the meaningful work you accomplished this past year.

As we welcome 2026 with open hearts, I can't help but reflect on the successful year we've had—the victories, both big and small, and the many learning opportunities we embraced as we continued to dedicate ourselves to children, youth, and families. As an association, we celebrated our 2025 accomplishments and looked ahead with intention as we set our goals for 2026.

With the CYC World Conference fast approaching, I'm reminded of this year's theme: Healing through Connection—a fitting reflection of the work we do as Child and Youth Care Professionals. We thrive and heal through relationship-building and meaningful connection. I encourage you to continue connecting with your colleagues, the association, and all those who dedicate their lives to supporting children, youth, and families.

I look forward to the year ahead, as we continue to celebrate and support the heart work and dedication of the many individuals who strengthen our profession.

Best regards,

Jennifer Lopez  
Board Director, Child and Youth Care Workers Association of Manitoba

# Newsletter Highlights

**Message from Board  
Director, Jennifer**

**2025 Highlights & 2026  
Goals**

**2026 Membership  
Reminder!**

**Lunch and Learn**

**2026 Annual General  
Meeting**

**2026 Child and Youth  
Care World Conference**

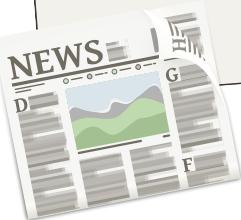
**Let's Hear from You!**

*We respectfully recognize that the places we work are located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation.*

# 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

## OUR KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

Advocacy efforts led to an article being published in the Winnipeg Free Press in August



The CYC Project during CYC Week was a huge success, drawing engagement from local CYCs and CYCs from neighbouring provinces!



Building strong relationships with the Child Protection Branch



The CYCWAM Award has been reviewed, and its criteria has been adjusted for the successful recipient graduating the CYC Program at Red River College Polytech



Continuous talks and presentations at various agencies and organizations



Strengthening partnerships with MACCP



# 2026 GOALS

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR GOALS FOR 2026

**Host Lunch  
and Learn  
Opportunities**



**Honour and  
connect with  
more  
practitioners  
during CYC  
Week**



**Increase the  
number of both  
individual and  
corporate  
memberships**



**Adjust and  
finalize  
processes,  
standards and  
bylaws of the  
association**



**Planning of 2027  
Provincial  
Conference**

**Complete more  
presentations and  
establish  
relationships with  
more organizations**

## ARE YOU A CYCWAM MEMBER? DO YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP? USE THE QR CODE OR LINK BELOW!



Link:

[2026 CYCWAM  
Membership Form](#)

Individual Membership:

\$20

Corporate Membership:

\$300

To receive your membership card,  
follow the steps below:

- 1) Fill out our application form
- 2) Pay for membership. Receipts will be sent out to our corporate members and available upon request for our individual members.
- 3) Membership cards will be sent out every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month



### Payment Options:

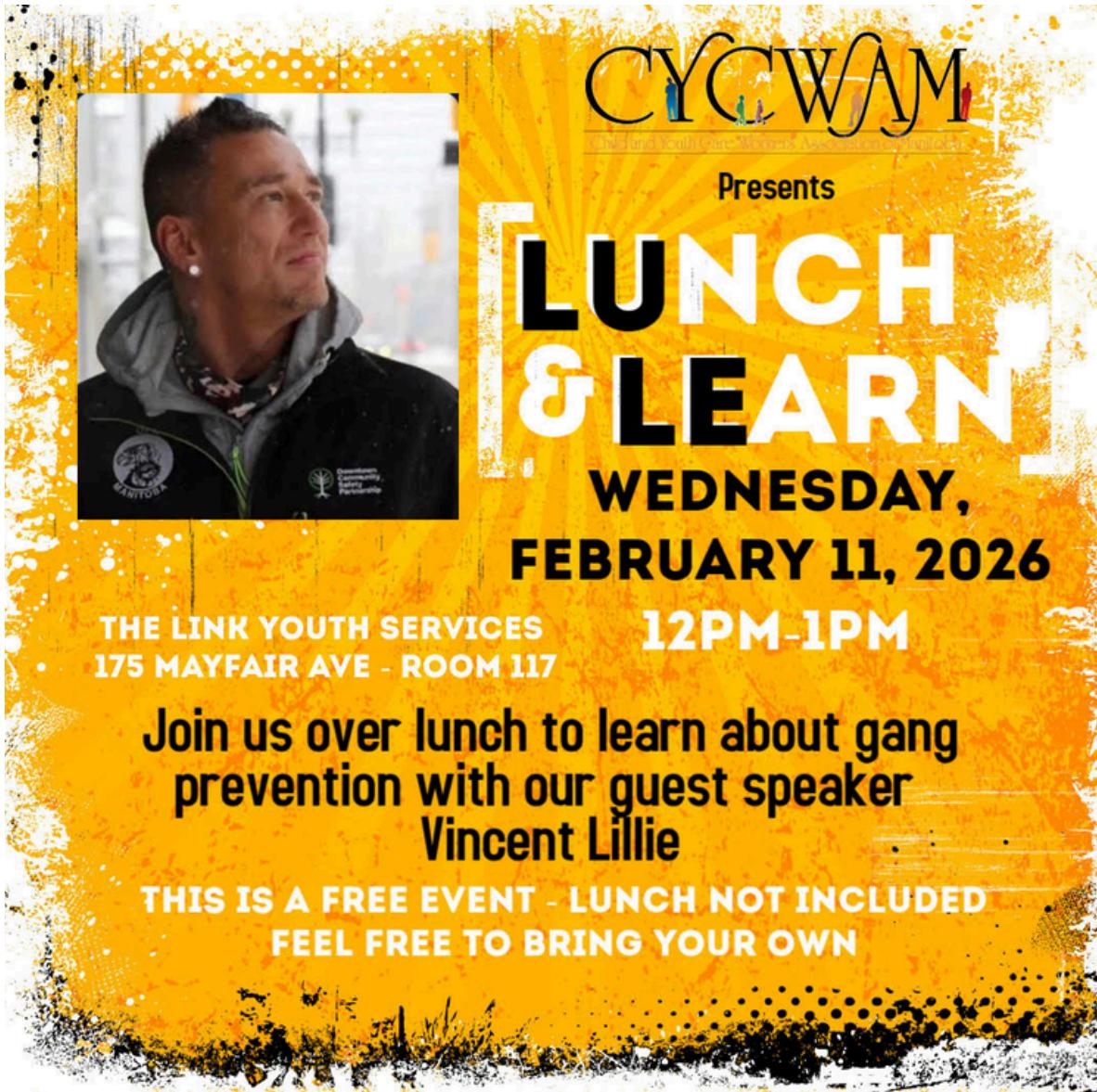
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Mail cheque to:

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**CYCWAM**  
Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of Manitoba

Presents

# LUNCH & LEARN

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

**12PM-1PM**

**THE LINK YOUTH SERVICES**  
175 MAYFAIR AVE - ROOM 117

**Join us over lunch to learn about gang prevention with our guest speaker**  
**Vincent Lillie**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT - LUNCH NOT INCLUDED**  
**FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN**

The Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of Manitoba is proud to announce our very first Lunch and Learn! Join us over at The Link Youth Services on Wednesday, February 11th, from 12pm to 1pm.

We are honoured to announce Vincent Lillie as our guest speaker for the occasion. Vincent is an Indigenous community member with experience as a Gang Prevention Specialist. He prioritizes advocacy for youth and raises awareness for alternatives to gang life through his own compelling story, cultural wisdom and mentorship. We can't wait to learn about such an impactful topic to the work we do with children and youth.

The event is free and open to all staff working in the Child and Youth Care field; this includes frontline staff as well as backbone team members and management. Lunch will not be provided this time, but you are more than welcome to bring your own to enjoy while the presentation is under way.

On behalf of the Child and Youth Care Workers' Association of Manitoba, we can't wait to see you there!



# Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

5-7PM

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SELKIRK LOUNGE (Building A)

Red River College Polytech

2055 Notre Dame Ave, Wpg, MB

Food & Drink Provided

Special Guest Speaker to be Announced



RSVP to  
[info@cycwam.org](mailto:info@cycwam.org)  
by April 1st, 2026

The Child and Youth Care Worker's Association of Manitoba (CYCWAM) invites you to their 2026 Annual General Meeting.

To R.S.V.P. by April 1st, 2026, use the following link:

[RSVP CYCWAM AGM](#)

The nomination form can be found by clicking on the link below.

[CYCWAM Nomination Form 2026](#)

Nominations will be accepted until April 1st, 2026.

# HEALING THROUGH CONNECTION

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE  
WORLD CONFERENCE  
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR  
CANADA

JUNE 24 - 26, 2026

LEARN MORE:





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Include your story and your name  
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